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EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

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The following observations were made in Rosslau  
(M 52/E 17) :

1. a. On 14 January 1950 the former Pionier Schule was occupied by at least 2,500 troops allegedly belonging to the following units:

(1) Engineer unit \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) Elements of a guards rifle regiment of about 1,000 troops with motor vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) Tank regiment with motor vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

(4) SP Artillery battalion

(5) Artillery unit

(6) Mortar unit

(7) Supply unit

b. The following service colors observed in the kaserne are listed in the order of frequency:

Red-bordered black epaulets without insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia

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Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia

Black-bordered black epaulets without insignia

Black-bordered black epaulets with double-bitted  
pickax insignia, spade insignia,

Black-bordered black epaulets with anchor insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport  
insignia

Blue-bordered black epaulets

Red-bordered green epaulets.

c. Drivers were trained on a T 34/43 tank.

d. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were seen at the engineer  
equipment depot.

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- [REDACTED]
2. a. The ration strength allegedly was 4,000 troops in mid-December 1949; three months before it had been 7,000 troops.
- b. The engineer equipment was overhauled after the maneuvers and has been stored since late November 1949.
- c. An engineer general and a tank general were billeted in Rossiau. The latter general allegedly made frequent trips to Potsdam (N 53/Z 63).
- d. Trucks carrying 50 pontoons moved through Rossiau on 13 December 1949.

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[redacted]  
e. Forty-two new trucks [redacted] coming  
from Dessau proceeded in the direction of  
Zerbst (M 52/D 98) on 16 December 1949.

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f. AA guns were emplaced near the new ammunition dump  
east of the Rosslau-Luko road, across the Pionier  
Schule.

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[redacted]  
Comment :

a. [redacted] the following  
units may be stationed in the former Pionier  
Schule, Rosslau-Meinsdorf :

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- (1) Tank units (at least amounting to a tank regiment)
- (2) Guards motorized rifle unit (elements of the 23rd  
Gds Mtz Rifle Regt (Cadre)?) of the 7th Gds Tank Div  
(Cadre).

The other units observed in the Pionier Schule very  
likely also belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre).

b. [redacted]  
the mentioned engineer unit is the 36th Pon Bridge  
Regt of the GDFG, which is thus confirmed in Rosslau  
up to 14 January 1950. It is in the former Pionier  
Kaserne which belongs to the Rosslau-Meinsdorf Kaserne  
block.

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It is assumed [redacted]  
[redacted] that elements of another  
engineer unit of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre)  
may also be stationed there.

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